along the LOC w.e.f. 16th October, 1991.

[*Translation*]

Theft of Files

1553. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Raksha Mantralaya se failein gayab" appearing in Jansatta dated September 30, 1991;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any investigation in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A file was reported missing in 1982 and, despite all efforts, it could not be traced. This fact was brought to the notice of the Audit. Instructions have since been issued to all concerned, re-iterating the need for ensuring the safe custody of files, and to hold a thorough enquiry to fix responsibility in case any file is reported misplaced/not traceable, without any loss of time.

Advisory Services to State Governments for Export Promotion.

1554. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of advisory services provided to the State Governments for export promotion during the last three years, Statewise; and

(b) when this scheme was started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Trade Development Authority helps to prepare action plans for various States. These plans identify exportable products, suggest marketing strategy, infrastructural requirements and policy adjustments.

Action Plans/Surveys have been prepared for the following States during the last three years:-

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Assam
3. Bihar
4. North-Eastern Region
5. Orissa
6. Sikkim
7. Tamil Nadu
8. Tripura
9. Uttar Pradesh
10. West Bengal

(b) The Trade Development Authority has been providing this service since 1985.

[*English*]

Export of Pepper

1555. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of pepper exported during the last three years, yearwise;